MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, you give a notice for it.

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : All right, Sir, I will also write that the Chairman has agreed to allow a Half an Hour discussion on this question.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Production of Sugarcane

*525. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of sugarcane is declining in some regions of the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of sugarcane produced during each of the last three years in each State against the target fixed;

(c) the reasons for such shortfall, if any;

(d) whether the shortfall in the production of sugarcane has affected the production of sugar during 1996-97;

(e) if so, the extent to which the production of sugar has been affected;

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to arrest the shortfall in the production of sugarcane during 1997-98; and

(g) the amount provided to each State for 1997-98 for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The production of sugarcane, despite fluctuations, has been showing an increasing trend over the years and it reached a record level of 282.9 million tonnes in 1995-96. The production of sugarcane during 1996-97 is, however, estimated to be 267.5 million tonnes. A statement giving State-wise trargets and production of sugarcane as also the area during the last three years i.e. 1994-95 to 1996-97 is attached.

(c) The slight decrease in production of sugarcane in 1996-97 is a part of cyclical fluctuations and is attributed to lower area coverage owing to prolonged crushing during the last season resulting in non-realease of land for cultivation of sugarcane in the subsequent year.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The production of sugar has been affected due to the shortfall in the production of sugarcane. The production of sugar during 1996-97 (October-September) sugar season upto 31st March, 1997, has been 106.05 lakh tonnes as compared to 117.27 lakh tonnes on the corresponding date of the last season i.e. 1995-96.

(f) In order to increase the production and productivity of sugarcane, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) is being implemented since 1995-96 and is likely to continue in 1997-98.

(g) The Statewise details of financial allocation under SUBACS for 1997-98 are given in enclosed Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise Targets and Production of Sugarcane as well as Area for the year 1994-95 to 1996-97

Area : '000' Hects.
Prod : Lakh Tonnes

State	1994-95			1995-96			1996-97		
		Production			Production			Production	
	Area	Target	Achievement	Area	Target	Achievement	Area	Target	Achievement
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Andhra Pradesh	209	135	160	214	140	152	203	152	145
Assam	36	20	15	36	22	15	36	22	15
Bihar	123	85	57	124	85	56	124	90	56
Gujarat	155	105	108	162	110	105	150	115	104

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Haryana	120	85	70	144	87	81	163	95	95
Karnataka	345	205	331	313	220	249	233	235	214
Kerala	6	6	5	6	7	5	8	7	6
Madhya Pradesh	37	22	14	51	22	20	84	22	25
Maharashtra	517	350	443	580	350	467	475	380	404
Orissa	20	50	12	30	50	16	22	55	14
Punjab	83	80	52	132	80	986	173	90	110
Rajasthan	22	13	10	28	13	14	22	15	10
Tamilnadu	328	250	365	314	250	346	265	270	265
Uttar Pradesh	1839	1072	1102	1974	1092	1198	2014	1130	1186
West Bengal	11	12	6	17	12	13	25	12	19
Others	16	10	6	14	10	6	11	10	7
ALL INDIA	3867	2500	2755	4139	2550	2829	4011	2700	2675

Statement - II

State-wise financial allocation under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) during 1997-98

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Proposed Financial Allocation		
		GOI	State Govt.	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	172.7525	46.4175	219.77
2.	Assam	45.5125	7.8325	53.35
3.	Bihar	111.30	25.950	137.30
4.	Gujarat	122.8625	29.7875	152.65
5.	Haryana	93.894	18.631	112.52
6.	Karnataka	192.35	53.95	246.30
7.	Kerala	27.194	4.231	31.425
8.	Madhya Pradesh	65.82	14.94	80.76
9.	Maharashtra	440.844	123.281	564.125
10.	Orissa	52.375	10.625	63.000
11.	Punjab	83.662	22.888	106.55
12.	Rajasthan	50.3688	11.4562	61.825
13.	Tamil Nadu	155.4125	41.1375	196.55
14.	Uttar Pradesh	675.06	181.85	856.90
15.	West Bengal	24.181	2.394	26.575
16.	Manipur	12.5975	90.5325	13.13
17.	Mizoram	12.695	0.565	13.26
18.	Nagaland	16.1975	1.7325	17.93
19.	Tripura	16.1975	1.7325	17.93
20.	Pondicherry	20.225	-	20.225
21.	Goa	16.045	1.515	17.560
	Total	2407.5863	601.4587	3009.045

Sanctuaries

*526. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wildlife and bird sanctuaries in the country especially in Assam and distribution of rare species in each one of them;

(b) the number of sanctuaries threatened by the erosion and floods;